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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION
AND REQUEST FOR ADVISORY ACTION

Status of this application

In the Office Action mailed on March 1, 2006, claims 90-94, 98-101, 103-108 and 110-116 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,883,576 issued to De La Huerga (hereinafter "De La Huerga"). Claims 95-97, 102, and 109 were indicated be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reconsideration of the rejections under Section 102(b) is requested for the reasons set forth below, and an advisory action is requested.

De La Huerga does not disclose the invention

Applicant's invention, as set forth in independent claim 90 and in the remaining dependent claims, detects the identity and location of a person who wears a portable communication unit that includes both a radio device and an infrared device. A base station detects the presence of the radio device when it is within radio range of the base station and